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TAGS: PFOR, RQ, UN

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE OF 24 (C-24): CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO:  
STATE OF PLAY

1. CUBAN PERMREP ALARCON HAS COME BACK TO NORWEGIAN DEPUTY  
PERMREP VRAALSEN WITH A COUNTER-PROPOSAL FOR THE CHAIRMAN'S  
STATEMENT WHICH ALARCON HAS CIRCULATED TO THE C-24.  
ALARCON TOLD VRAALSEN HE WOULD NOT RPT NOT  
INTRODUCE ANY RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO TODAY, SEPTEMBER 3.

2. CHINESE MISSION OFFICER INFORMED THE NORWEGIANS THAT HE HAS  
INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE AGAINST POSTPONEMENT. WE HAVE CONFIRMED THAT  
IVORY COAST HAS INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTE FOR POSTPONEMENT. OUR FIRM  
VOTE ESTIMATE IS NOW ELEVEN TO TEN FOR POSTPONEMENT.

3. C-24 HAS ADJOURNED UNTIL TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 7 WHEN TWO MEETINGS  
ARE SCHEDULED. C-24 CHAIRMAN SALIM STATED HE WISHES TO CONCLUDE  
CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO ON TUESDAY.

4. VRAALSEN SAID HE IS CONCERNED THAT SOME VOTES COMMITTED TO  
POSTPONEMENT MAY SLIP IF HE DOES NOT APPEAR FORTHCOMING IN HIS  
RESPONSE TO THE CUBAN PROPOSAL. HE EXPRESSED HIS OWN COMMITMENT  
TO PROCEDE WITH HIS PROPOSAL AND HIS BELIEF THAT THE CUBANS  
"HAVE COME A LONG WAY" TOWARDS AN ACCEPTABLE POSITION.

5. THERE FOLLOWS THE TEXT OF OUR PROPOSED COUNTERPROPOSAL TO THE  
CUBAN DRAFT STATEMENT. ONCE WE HAVE THE DEPARTMENT'S CLEARANCE,  
VRAALSEN WILL DISCUSS THE REVISED TEXT WITH ALARCON (OVER THE  
WEEKEND IF NECESSARY).

QUOTE:

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN:

I HAVE HELD CONSULTATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE  
AND THERE IS BROAD AGREEMENT AMONG THE MEMBERS AS TO THE  
COURSE OF ACTION THE COMMITTEE SHOULD FOLLOW IN CONCLUDING  
CONSIDERATION OF THIS ITEM AT THIS SESSION.

IN CONSULTING WITH MEMBERS I HAVE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT  
THE NEED TO CONCLUDE THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE THIS YEAR,  
SO AS TO ENABLE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RECEIVE OUR REPORT AS  
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A MATTER OF PRIORITY, AS WELL AS THE NEED TO GIVE CAREFUL  
ATTENTION TO ALL MATTERS UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE,  
BORN IN MIND ITS RESOLUTIONS OF 28 AUGUST 1972 AND 30 AUGUST  
1973 CONCERNING PUERTO RICO, REAFFIRMING THE INALIENABLE  
RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE OF PUERTO RICO TO SELF-DETERMINATION  
AND INDEPENDENCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
RESOLUTION 1514 (XV) OF 14 DECEMBER 1960 AND OTHER  
RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS AND BY VIRTUE OF THAT THE RIGHT TO

FREELY DETERMINE ITS POLITICAL STATUS AND FREELY PURSUE  
ITS ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, NOTED  
THE DECISIONS ON PUERTO RICO APPROVED BY THE MINISTERIAL  
CONFERENCE OF THE NON ALIGNED COUNTRIES HELD IN LIMA  
IN AUGUST 1975 AND THE FIFTH CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF STATES OR  
GOVERNMENTS OF NON ALIGNED COUNTRIES HELD IN COLOMBO  
IN AUGUST 1976, AND BORN IN MIND THE REPORT PREPARED  
BY THE RAPPORTEUR IN 1974 AND THE STATEMENTS MADE DURING  
THE DEBATE ON THIS ITEM. AS A RESULT OF THESE CONSULTATIONS,  
THE COMMITTEE DECIDES TO CHARGE THE RAPPORTEUR WITH UPDATING  
THE 1974 REPORT AND TO RESUME DISCUSSION OF THIS QUESTION  
AT ITS NEXT SESSION. UNQUOTE  
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